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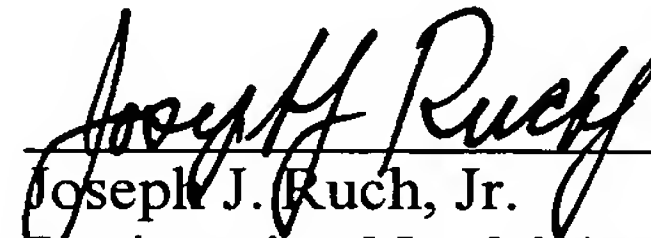
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		JP	2002-078483	A	03/19/2002	TAKEDA CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.	
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		JP	2000-504213	A	04/11/2000	FRINDERS TECHNOLOGIES PTY., LTD.	
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Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶

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